(b) if so, whether any Committee has been set up to speed up ventures funds for film sector;

(c) if so, by when the Committee is likely to submit its recommendations; and

(d) whether the Finance Ministry has agreed to provide funds for the film sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (d) In order to bring about a receptive investment regime in the entertainment sector within India, a Committee has been set up recently to suggest a strategy to facilitate the flow of venture capital into the sector. The Committee is mandated to submit its suggestions to the Government within six weeks of its first meeting. The Finance Ministry does not directly provide funds to the film sector.

Floating of guidelines for issue of licences

2095. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has issued a show-cause notice to Radio City 91;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether guidelines for issue of licences have been floated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The Government has issued a show cause notice to M/s Music Broadcast Pvt Ltd., (MBPL) Mumbai, on 3rd September, 2003, on the issue of alleged violation of the terms and conditions of the licence agreement.

(c) The matter is currently under examination, in cosultation with Department of Company Affairs and Ministry of Law. Further, M/s MBPL has filed arbitration petition before the Mumbai High Court, with the prayer

for restraining the Government from terminating the licence agreement and in any manner invoking or making any demand or receiving any money under the bank guarantees.

Showing women in a vulgar manner

2096. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints with regard to showing women in a vulgar manner in TV channels and newspapers;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received during the years 2001, 2002 and 2003;

(c) the number of complaints made by the women among these complaints; and

(d) what steps Government have taken so far on these complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. During the period 2001-2003 73 complaints were received against TV channels and print media for depicting women in vulgar manner. Out of these, 11 complaints were in respect of Television channels and 62 against print media. Of these, 18 complaints were received from women/women's organizations.

(d) Complaints against Television Channels were examined by the Committees, constituted by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting to look into the violation of the Programme/Advertisement Code, and, on the recommendation of the Committee, concerned TV channels were directed to stop the telecast of certain programmes/ advertisements.

In respect of Print media, the Press Council of India (PCI), a statutory autonomous self-regulatory body set up by the Government issued directions to the erring newspapers/ magazines to exercise restraint in